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In re patent application of  
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Divisional Application of:

Serial No. 09/015,819                      Group Art Unit: 2814  
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For:    METHOD OF AUTOMATED DESIGN  
         AND CHECKING FOR ESD ROBUSTNESS

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amendment above identified  
patent application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

On page 1, line 3, beneath the title, insert the following:

--This application is a divisional of U.S. application Serial No.  
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**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 1-6 without prejudice or disclaimer